



MADE BY AMATEURS . . . Adult Education Principal Raymond E. Collins shows off some of the things made by adults attending school here. He holds a spear gun made in machine shop classes. Other items on display, made in local adult classes, include dresses, lamps and lampshades, hats, paintings, ceramics, cakes, knitting, leather work, and other items.

### G.E.D. Testing Begins Tonight

General Education Development G. E. D. Tests will be given to qualified veterans at Torrance High School, Room 109, beginning tonight Jan. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Testing will continue Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening, and end on Monday evening, Jan. 23.

The five tests covering English, mathematics, social studies and natural science require approximately two hours each or a maximum of ten hours. A veteran must pass each test with a score of thirty-five and average forty-five on the entire battery of tests.

Persons who wish to take the G. E. D. tests as partial completion of requirements for a high school diploma, may arrange to be present on the five evenings on which they will be given. If work or other conditions do not permit this, make the Adult Education Office in order to make other arrangements.

A veteran whose score on any individual test is lower than thirty-five, or whose average score is lower than forty-five, will be allowed to re-take the examinations before the end of the school year.

In accordance with State Law, Torrance Evening High School will issue a high school diploma to qualified veterans who have successfully completed these tests and a one-semester course in U. S. History and U. S. Government.



STUDY HEART PROGRAM . . . Grayce Fleming, R.N., of the Los Angeles Artery Bank shows tray of human arteries to Dr. J. H. Hull (center) and Dr. Rolling Smith, leaders of the February Heart Fund campaign for the Torrance area during their tour of Community Heart Program installations

at Good Samaritan Hospital. The drive leaders visited the heart kitchen, work classification unit, and heart clinics during their tour. Heart arteries are preserved in hermetically sealed tubes and are ready for use immediately.

### Chamber Directors to Aid Search for New DMV Office

The Department of Motor Vehicles office located in Torrance is in immediate need of new quarters the Chamber Board of Directors were told last week.

Leavitt Tudor, manager of the Torrance branch, said present quarters have recently been sold and furthermore that the Department needs larger space.

The Directors of the Chamber went on record as using the facilities of the Chamber to assist this department in getting new location and to write letters to the department expressing appreciation for having an office located here. Other organ-

izations in the city will be asked to write similar letters.

**Need Explained**  
This action was taken after Tudor had said higher officials of the California Motor Vehicles Department felt that Torrance did not want the office located here.

It was stated by Tudor that the Torrance office does much larger business than any other in the immediate area including Hawthorne and Inglewood branches.

A desirable location would be between the downtown business section and the new civic center location, Tudor said.

Approximately 2400 square feet of floor space will be needed for their new location.

**To Buy Equipment**  
Authorization for the Chamber Manager to purchase office equipment also was given by the Board of Directors last week.

**REWARDS OFFERED**  
Long before Utah was admitted to the Union, its legislature offered \$100,000 rewards to anyone locating a workable vein of coal near the city.

### Detro Named AmStan Vice President

Howard I. Detro has been appointed vice president, manufacturing of the American Standard Plumbing and Heating Division, it was announced recently by William A. Bauer, division president.

In that position Detro will be in charge of the division's 15 plants in this country, including the Torrance American Standard plant at 360 Crenshaw Blvd.

Detro succeeds R. A. Stoesser, who has been named to head a staff of American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation as Director of Technical and Manufacturing Services.

Prior to this appointment, Detro was assistant general manager of manufacturing for the division. He joined American Standard in 1924 as a plant engineer, and served as manager of the division's Richmond, Calif., plant from 1935 to 1954. Stoesser has been in charge of the division's manufacturing operations since 1953. Previously he had been manufacturing supervisor for the corporation's affiliated companies in Europe.

### 230th Street Drain Given Council OK

Installation of a 500-foot corrugated metal pipe at a cost of approximately \$1500 has been approved to relieve the flooded street situation at 230th St. and Samuel Ave., City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop has announced.

Investigation of the standing water at the intersection was made after mothers of the area had complained that their children were forced to walk through the area enroute to Meadow Park School.

Preliminary plans have been completed and the work will get under way on the project as soon as final detailed plans have been drawn, Bishop said.

### REYNOLDS KNIGHT

## Automation Faces Best Year In 1956, Industrialist Says

Automatic controls, nerve centers of today's vast increase in industrial productivity, face their best year in 1956, according to the head of the largest company in the automation field.

Paul B. Wishart, president of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., said that while the general economy is growing at the fastest pace in history, the production and sale of equipment to do things automatically— from regulating home temperatures to flying guided missiles —is growing even more rapidly.

Sales per year of automatic control equipment for industrial uses have increased 700 per cent since 1950—twice as much as the 350 per cent increase in annual expenditures for all non-farm plant and equipment—Wishart said.

**REPAYMENTS AT PEAK**  
American consumers, who set records in their use of installment credit for purchases in 1955, also compiled the best payment record in history, Arthur O. Dietz, president of CIT Financial Corp., declares.

The head of the nation's largest independent sales finance company said that on the basis of CIT's experience fewer than one in every hundred installment buyers was delinquent in payments at any one time during 1955. In all, these consumers paid \$3.5 billion during the year for their purchases.

This excellent record, Mr. Dietz said, proves two things: The integrity of the U.S. consumer, whom Mr. Dietz often calls "the world's best manager," and the care with which most selling and lending institutions have tailored credit to the ability to repay.

**GOOD YEAR IN SIGHT**  
NEWORLD SUCCESS STORY — While the building industry, in these prosperous and fast-moving times, is always coming up with some new material or method, best record for growth last year was held by one of the oldest such materials in existence — ceramic tile.

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**PLANES TO IMPROVE**—Increased emphasis on research and development will be a feature of 1956 in the aviation industry, an aviation leader predicts. Mundy I. Peale, president of Republic Aviation Corp., says production will be fairly steady with some adjustments in employment.

For the aircraft industry, Mr. Peale said 1956 output would be in the neighborhood of 12,700 planes. This was about the 1955 figure, he explained. Government policy of steady peacetime procurement for air defense is expected to make this kind of stability the rule throughout the industry. Employment in the aircraft and aircraft-parts industry at the year-end totaled some 740,000 persons, a little higher than the mid-year figure and some 20,000 below the peak level reached when the industry was striving for a quick build-up during the Korean war's earlier phases.

Steady procurement, said Mr. Peale, is the most economical means of keeping the Air Force at full strength without disruptive ups and downs in employment.

### Invented Heater Deaths Drop to 12 During 1955

Although deaths due to traffic, suicides, industrial and miscellaneous accidents all increased during the past year, Los Angeles County Coroner, E. A. Winstanley, points to one particular "white spot" in the recently released annual report of his department.

"Fatalities caused by carbon monoxide poisoning from unvented space heaters numbered only 12. This continues a downward trend started four years ago when the total was 48," Winstanley said.

"This tremendous improvement is a fine example of what can be accomplished when governmental agencies, industry, and communications media unite to attack a community problem," according to the coroner.

The saving of these lives Winstanley attributes to enforcement efforts of city and county building, fire and health departments and to the public educational program carried out

by these agencies in cooperation with the Southern California Gas Co. through newspapers, radio and television.

"By repeating four basic rules which reduce the dangers of using unvented, open-flame heaters, the gas company's education program has made the public aware of the safety hazards," the coroner said.

Summarizing the four rules, Winstanley said, "people using unvented, open-flame heaters should leave a half inchers out at least one and a half inches out of foot traffic patterns, replace flexible cloth-covered rubber hoses with metal connectors, and have the heaters checked periodically by the gas company or a competent service agency."

"The best long-term solution is to replace these unsafe heaters with vented heating equipment that has the burners completely enclosed," Winstanley said.

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### National Supply Company Forms Mexico Subsidiary

Formation of a Mexican subsidiary has been announced by The National Supply Company, world's largest manufacturer and distributor of oil field machinery, equipment, and pipe.

Known as The National Supply Company of Mexico, S. A., the subsidiary will have its headquarters in Mexico City. The Mexican company will be managed locally by two vice presidents, Edward M. Gretzler and J. M. Estrop.

The Mexican organization was formed to provide better service on National Supply equipment used by customers in that country, which has become increasingly active in drilling and oil production. Sales to customers in Mexico will continue to be handled by National Supply's Export Division, with headquarters in New York City.

Estrop, born in Tannin, Mexico, has had a long and close association with the petroleum industry. He is no newcomer to The National Supply Company, for whom he worked in the old Tampico days of the 1920's, when National maintained a warehouse there. Since 1948, Estrop has been The National Supply Company representative for Mexico, with headquarters in Mexico City.



NEW NORTHROP BUILDING . . . This is how Northrop Aircraft's new engineering and science center will appear when completed. Northrop's complex of engineering talents will be centralized in the air conditioned structure, which will contain about 250,000 square feet of floor space in the two story building and adjoining six floor tower. On the left will be the new company cafeteria.